

Currie makes it hot for Wycombe

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PAUL CURRIE had a smile all over his "boat race" on Saturday. Originally substitute, he got a reprieve after new signing Trevor Dark was delayed by the boat-race traffic at Hammersmith Bridge — and played a starring role in Hendon's splendid 2-1 away win over leaders Wycombe Wanderers that virtually ended their hopes of becoming Berger Isthmian League champions.

Dark, 19, previously with Birmingham City, arrived just in time to see Hendon kick-off, and took over the No. 12 shirt.

"Currie was tremendous," praised manager Ken Payne, elated by this latest success, which stretched Hendon's unbeaten run to nine games, including six wins, and took them to 11th place in the table.

Hendon caught Wycombe unawares with their bold attacking play, and were rewarded with a two-goal lead after 13 minutes.

Right-back Tony Bennett put them ahead with a glancing header after seven minutes, following a free-kick by Tom Murphy.

Hendon's second six minutes later was a classic move. "Jock" McGleish delivered a glorious pass to Currie, whose low centre left Keyin Folan with an easy tap in.

Four minutes later Bennett was booked by

referee Emerson Griffith, following a vigorous late challenge on Steve Long.

Striker Bobby Gough, much travelled on the Football League circuit, was prominent in his debut for Hendon. Previously with Colchester, Walsall, Port Vale, Stockport and Southport, he showed the benefit of that vast experience.

Also on view for Hendon was former Barnet forward Martin Sperrin. He was replaced by Dark in the 70th minute.

Wycombe, on top in the second half, were well contained until the 73rd minute, when Long replied with a low shot from a corner on the right by Mick Holifield.

Hendon goalkeeper Fred Smart was booked for time-wasting.

Hendon: Smart, Bennett, Hand, Deadman, Anderson, Murphy, Currie, Gough, Folan, McGleish, Sperrin (Dark, 70min.).